

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Cancelled)

2. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the sealing body has one axial seal located in the at least one first recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the ~~housing~~inner side wall.

3. (Previously Presented) A sealing device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

4. (Cancelled)

5. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with claim 9, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the ~~housing~~inner side wall.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A sealing device comprising:

a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole ~~in a housing~~having an inner side wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the ~~housing~~inner side wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the ~~housing~~inner side wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one first recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction,

wherein the sealing body is attached to the conducting element by a positive retainer comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing body and at least one second recess in the connector body.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising the step of fixing the sealing body with a clamping device that applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

12. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising the step of:

screwing a sealing ring with an internal thread onto the conducting element which comprises the at least one first recess to fix the sealing body.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for sealing comprising the steps of:

- using a sealing device comprising a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole ~~in a housing~~having an inner side wall, and which has a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the inner side ~~housing~~-wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the inner side ~~housing~~-wall, the cross-sectional profile of the housing wall and the conducting element has at least one first recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction, to seal an eccentric through-hole for the conducting element, ~~through the housing wall of a gearbox~~, and

- attaching the sealing body to the conducting element by means of a positive retainer comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing body and at least one second recess in the connector body.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A sealing device comprising:
a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction,

wherein the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall;

wherein a limiting stop is formed on the sealing body in a position which lies within the recess, wherein the limiting stop limits compression of the axial seal.

19. (Previously Presented) A sealing device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

20. (Previously Presented) A sealing device in accordance with claim 18, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the housing wall.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising:

positioning an axial seal in the at least one first recess; and

positioning a further radial seal so as to engage a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.